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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: US-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION: ADMINISTRATIVE
ARRANGEMENTS

REF: TEHRAN 10, PARA 7

1. YOU MAY INFORM VAFA THAT WE WOULD PREFER THAT EACH SIDE
PAY ITS OWN WAY IN ATTENDING JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS. WE
BELIEVE THIS IS SIMPLEST AND MOST FLEXIBLE APPROACH.

2. WE ARE INDEED SYMPATHETIC WITH LIMITATIONS ON EMBASSY
RESOURCES. ALL AGENCIES OF USG PARTICIPATING IN JOINT
COMMISSION ACTIVITIES HAVE, HOWEVER, HAD TO MAKE CONSIDER-
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ABLE ADJUSTMENTS TO SUPPORT THESE ACTIVITIES WITHIN

EXISTING BUDGETS. NO ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS HAVE YET BEEN PROVIDED. UNTIL WE HAVE WORKED OUT ADEQUATE STANDARD FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMISSION ACTIVITIES, WE MUST CONTINUE TO DEPEND ON THE COOPERATION OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES TO MAKE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN THE INTEREST OF IMPLEMENTING THIS IMPORTANT NEW ELEMENT IN FOREIGN POLICY. IN THE CASE OF EACH COMMISSION, THE APPROPRIATE US EMBASSY HAS BORNE ITS SHARE OF THE LOAD BY PROVIDING THE LIMITED AMOUNT OF OFFICE SPACE AND SECRETARIAL SUPPORT NEEDED BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATIONS DURING THEIR BRIEF VISITS ON

COMMISSION BUSINESS. STANDARD TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS WRITTEN IN WASHINGTON CAN HANDLE CAR HIRE. IN THE CASE OF TEHRAN, WE ARE WELL AWARE THAT CHANCERY IS CROWDED BUT HAVE TO COUNT ON YOU TO MAKE AT LEAST ONE OFFICE AVAILABLE, BY DOUBLING UP IF NECESSARY, FOR CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE. FOR OTHER SPACE COULD CARAVANSERAI SECOND FLOOR, TRADE CENTER OR USIS SPACE BE USED? THIS WILL BE ADDED BURDEN ON EMBASSY RESOURCES, BUT WE KNOW YOU WILL DO YOUR BEST.

3. WE LOOK TO EMBASSY TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH, AND PROVIDE SUBSTANTIVE IMPACT TO, ALL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD IN TEHRAN. IN APPROPRIATE CASES, WE WILL WISH TO DESIGNATE SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICER AS COMMITTEE MEMBER. KISSINGER

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